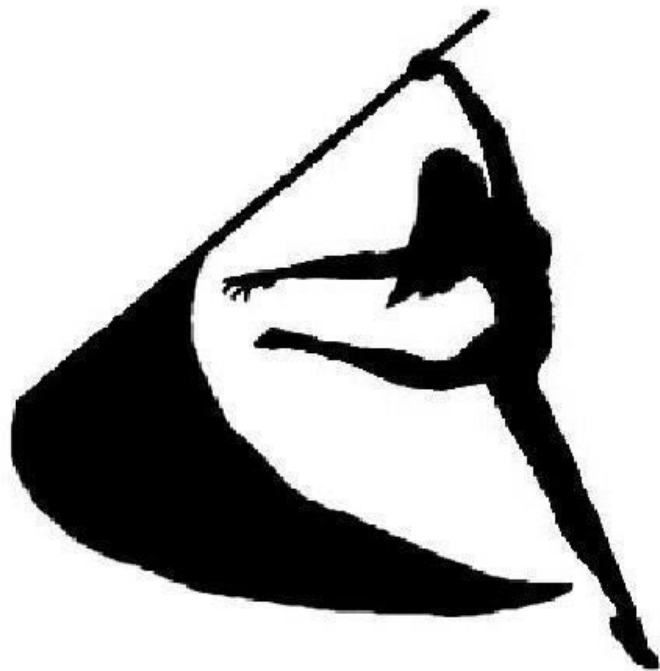


Steel Spirit of Coatesville
Indoor Color Guard
Information Packet
2024



Welcome to the Steel Spirit of Coatesville Indoor Color Guard!

Indoor color guard is a co-curricular or extra-curricular activity, which offers participation to both boys and girls. Usually, its purpose is similar to that of a sports team:

- To strive for excellence
- To develop teamwork
- To learn sportsmanship
- To achieve the highest possible ranking in your competitive circle
- To entertain

Unlike sports teams, the entertainment factor makes this program unique. It can be likened to theatre with elements of drama or a musical. This added dimension provides the students with an exposure beyond that offered through the marching band program. Thus, the indoor guard opportunity is a blend that produces ***The Sport of the Arts.***

This program is offered to all who live in the CASD area. Does not need to be a CASD students in grades 6-12. No experience is necessary. Over the next 5 months you will be given basic training in the areas of dance, equipment, staging, and expression. Please read this packet thoroughly and return all paperwork by **Monday, January 8th.**

Academic Eligibility:

Students that participate in Indoor Color Guard must follow the Academic Eligibility Guidelines to remain qualified to participate.

When members are declared ineligible to rehearse and perform it affects the WHOLE TEAM. Staging and intricate choreography needs to be adjusted by the remaining performers. Committing to our team means committing to stay on top of your academics; not just for yourself, but for your teammates.

Attendance Policy:

Every student in the color guard has a different assigned role and part. Because the students rely on each other so heavily, every student's participation at all times is critical to the success of the group. All rehearsals and performances are mandatory for everyone. It is your responsibility to clear all rehearsal and performance dates on your social, personal, family, and work calendars. We do understand that things come up. It is your responsibility to let us know if you are going to be absent or tardy. If you are absent, there is a chance that you'll be written out of the section we're working on. If you remain in that section of the show, it is YOUR responsibility to learn what you've missed. We do not have time to go back and teach an individual member what they miss when they're absent.

Excused:

- Stay home/came home from school seriously ill
- Family emergencies
- Pre-approved absences
- Funerals

Un-excused:

- Not having a ride to rehearsal
- Scheduled to work- the calendar should be provided to employers in advance
- Consistently calling in/showing up late without pre-approval
- Calling in sick- if you went to school and aren't seriously ill you are required to come to rehearsal and watch
- Non-emergency appointments
- Skipping rehearsal

3 unexcused absences may lead to dismissal of the program.

***Students are required to arrive 15 minutes prior to scheduled time. This gives you time to set up everything you need so you're ready to start on time. Pick up will be 15 minutes *after* scheduled rehearsal time**

Behavior:

The Steel Spirit of Coatesville is a class act. Whether you are at rehearsal or traveling for a competition you are representing yourselves, your school, your parents, and your staff when you're out. Act right! You're expected to treat yourselves, each other, the parents, your staff, and other groups with respect. Inappropriate behavior may lead to dismissal from the program.

*Bullying **will not** be tolerated and **will** lead to dismissal from the program.*

Rehearsal attire:

Appropriate shoes should be worn on the gym and color guard floors.

Responsibilities:

- Practice at home regularly. In order to be successful, you have to put in time outside of rehearsal. Listen to your show music; go over counts; practice show work and dance and equipment basics; etc.
- **Practice Healthy Habits:** Eat right, exercise, get enough rest, etc.
- Color Guard is a SPORT. You need to take care of bodies.
- Practice teamwork and good sportsmanship at all times
- Try your best at rehearsal and during performances; learn from your mistakes, accept constructive criticism, and do not get angry with yourselves or others for making a mistake
- Respect your staff and your teammates.
- Encourage each other.
- Take pride in your team. No matter the score or placement.
- Leave the drama at the door. We do not have time for it.
- Check the guard wall. Important information will be posted on the guard wall throughout the season. It is your responsibility to check it.
- You are responsible for your equipment. If it is not turned in at the end of the season you be billed for it.
- HAVE FUN!!!

Parent involvement:

We need parents to chaperone our competitions and help us on and off the floor with props and equipment. We'll also need help sewing and cutting flags, washing uniforms, and snack/drink donations. There's a job for everyone! All adults traveling with us must have updated clearances on file.

Follow the links below to get them!

<https://epatch.state.pa.us/>

<https://www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis/public/home>

<https://uenroll.identogo.com/>

Financial obligations:

Indoor Dues- \$190

Dues: \$190 - Payment schedule: 1/2 - \$50.00; 2/1 - \$50.00; 3/1 - \$45.00; 4/3 - \$45.00

Can pay in advance but must be paid in full by April 5th, 2024.

There will be specific fundraisers to support the Color Guard Program. Profits from fundraising will credit toward production, dues, and trip costs. It is important that everyone participates in all fundraisers!

Steel Spirit of Coatesville Contact Info:

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CPMC Facebook:	Coatesville Parent's Music Club	

Steel Spirit of Coatesville Indoor Color Guard Contract

In order to insure we have full participation in rehearsals and performances, we, the SSofC Indoor Guard Staff, have established the following list of attendance requirements.

- All members are given a schedule. All attendance requirements are based on the expectation that you will commit to these dates at this time. **In other words, if something else comes up, you are already committed to indoor guard.**
- Keeping in mind that everyone in indoor guard is a varsity starter (there are no reserves or substitutes) and your attendance at all rehearsals and performances is necessary.
- Attendance is mandatory at all functions.
 - Any absences for other school activities, family events, etc. must be pre-approved; otherwise they are considered unexcused absences.
 - Absence due to illness, family emergency, etc. is considered excused only if staff is contacted. Telling another member to tell the staff that you are sick is not acceptable. If you do not contact us (no call/ no show), the absence is considered unexcused.
 - Work is **never** considered an excused absence. Provide your employer with a copy of the schedule.
 - Unexcused absences jeopardize your position in the group. The staff reserves the right to pull you from
 - Performance if absenteeism becomes a problem.
 - Emergency situations that arise will be dealt with on an individual basis by the staff.

Other expectations include:

- Punctuality
- Practicing Healthy Habits
- Keeping up to date by reading handouts, Schoology posts, etc.
- Being prepared for rehearsal and performances (bringing all equipment, follow dress code)
- Learning assigned basic techniques and choreography
- Dressing appropriately
- Modeling positive behavior, teamwork, and sportsmanship.
- At the staff's discretion, inappropriate behavior may lead to dismissal from the ensemble.

* All members are required to meet the financial obligations of the ensemble (as detailed in the membership packet). Membership and trip fees are not refundable if the student relinquishes membership.

*Signatures are required. Keep a copy for your records and return a copy on or before **January 8th, 2024***

Student Name

Student Signature

Parent Signature

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RETURN THIS COMPLETED
FORM BY THE FIRST
PRACTICE

2024 Steel Spirit of Coatesville Contact information and Media Release

The information on this form is used to build our database in order to communicate via e-mail and in case of emergencies. Please fill out the form completely. Take special note to print special characters such as underscores and dashes in email addresses carefully. Email is one of our primary methods of communication. Media release allows us to post pictures and videos online.

Please Print:

Student's Name and Instrument _____ Instrument/Group: _____

Are you an Officer/Section Leader? **Yes/No** If so, what position? _____

Grade (2023-2024) _____ School: (Circle one) CASH North Scott Other: _____

Student's Home Address _____

Student's Phone # _____

Student's E-mail _____

Mother/Guardian's Name _____

Mother/Guardian's Phone # _____

Mother/Guardian's E-mail _____

Father/Guardian's Name _____

Father/Guardian's Phone # _____

Father/Guardian's E-mail _____

Emergency contact Name (other than parent/Guardian) _____

Emergency contact Phone # _____

Media Release

I hereby assign and grant to the Coatesville Parents Music Club the right and permission to use and publish the photographs/film/videos/electronic representations and or sound recordings made of me, the student, during and in relation to any practices / performances or other events related to the band program. I hereby release CPMC from any and all liability from such use and production and waive any right to compensation from any of the foregoing.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____



PLEASE RETURN
COMPLETED FORM

Steel Spirit of Coatesville Student Medical Form Year 2023-2024

(To be kept in the Medical Binder)

Name:		Date of Birth:	
Grade:		Home Phone:	
Address:		City, State, Zip	
Student Cell Phone:			
<i>In case of illness/accident to the member listed above, the band nurse or medical personal designated is authorized to render first aid and measures according to his/her professional judgment and qualifications. Brandywine Hospital or the closest hospital at away events will be used for EMERGENCIES.</i>			
Mother/Guardian:		Mother/Guardian Cell Phone:	
Mother/Guardian Email:			
Father/Guardian:		Father/Guardian Cell Phone:	
Father/Guardian Email:			
In event above cannot be reached name of TWO other responsible parties			
1.		Phone:	
Relationship:			
2.		Phone:	
Relationship:			
Family Physician:		Phone:	
Health Insurance:		ID #	
Guarantor:		Group#	
Vaccinations are up to date per school requirements		Yes / No	Tetanus last given (year)
Medical Concerns			
Current Medications and dosage	ALLERGIES	Special Problems or Concerns and Treatment	
Food Allergies: Y N	If yes, what allergies:		
Does your child carry an Epi-Pen? Y N	If they do not carry one, one must be provided for the nurse's med kit.		
I hereby give permission for the above-named child to be treated at Brandywine Hospital or the closest hospital at away events in the case of an emergency. I also give permission for the above-named child to receive the following medications unless they are crossed out (please note: only generic medications are provided):			
Ibuprofen (Advil)	Cold Medicine (Sudafed PE)	Acetaminophen (Tylenol)	Pepto Bismol Benadryl

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Date